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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLAB, FR, AO

SUBJECT: CFDT GOES TO ANGOLA

1. HUBERT LESIRE-OGREL, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF CFDT'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GAVE LABATT (12 APRIL) FOLLOWING DETAILS REGARDING ANGOLA'S REQUEST TO CFDT TO PROVIDE A TRAINING PROGRAM:

(A) A THREE-MAN TEAM HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THIS MISSION COMPOSED OF J. DUBONNET, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CFDT REGIONAL UNION OF MARSEILLE WITH OFFICE IN AIX-EN-PROVENCE; ANTOINE TROGLIC, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CFDT REGIONAL UNION OF AND A THIRD FORMER CFDT OFFICER. MISSION IS ALREADY IN ANGOLA.

(B) ANGOLA'S REQUEST GOES A BIT FURTHER THAN TRAINING TRADE UNION MILITANTS IN THAT IT CALLS FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO STRUCTURE THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND HOW IT SHOULD BE CHARTERED.

(C) IN VIEW OF (B) ABOVE, CFDT IS QUITE PLEASED THAT IT WAS CHOSEN FOR THIS JOB, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY INTERPRET IT TO MEAN THAT ANGOLA IS NOT  
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COMPLETELY UNDER SOVIET CONTROL AND IS INSTEAD SEEK-

ING WAYS AND MEANS TO RETAIN CONTACT WITH THE WEST  
AND WESTERN VALUES.

(D) CFDT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED  
THAT THE ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES WILL OPT FOR AN  
INDEPENDENT TRADE UNION MOVEMENT OF THE KIND FOUND  
IN THE FREE WORLD. ACCORDINGLY THE CFDT TEAM HAS  
INSTRUCTIONS TO ARGUE AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO SET UP  
A LABOR ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD BE SUBSERVIENT  
TO THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

2. HUBERTLESIRE-OGREL WAS EVASIVE ABOUT THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH ANGOLA CHOSE CFDT FOR  
THIS TASK.

3. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP WITH DUBONNET AND TROGLIC  
AFTER THEY RETURN FOR SUCH GLIMPSES INTO THE  
ANGOLAN SITUATION AS THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO SHARE  
WITH US. WE ARE PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL ABOUT  
DUBONNET WHO IS KNOWN TO LABATT AND WHO WAS MOST  
COOPERATIVE IN TALKING ABOUT HIS IMPRESSIONS  
FROM A VISIT TO THE USSR IN 1972.  
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